

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on March 5, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 176
SB 197
SB 124
Executive Action: SB 197 DO PASS 15-2

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BECK introduced the bill.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 3.9}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program, distributed EXHIBIT(huh50a01), a proposed amendment to SB 124 and EXHIBIT(huh50a02).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.9 - 13.3}

Mr. Dan Anderson, Department of Public Health and Human Services, distributed EXHIBIT(huh50a03).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.3 - 19.7}

Mr. Gene Haire, Executive Director of the Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.7 - 22.4}

Ms. Andrea Maryl, Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Montana, distributed EXHIBIT(huh50a04)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.4 - 26.4}

Mr. Al Smith, former attorney for patients at the Montana State Hospital, distributed EXHIBIT(huh50a05), proposed amendments to SB 124.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.4 - 1:B:2.4}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.7 - 26.9}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BECK closed.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.9 - 30.7}

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BOHLINGER introduced the bill. EXHIBIT(huh50a06) & EXHIBIT(huh50a07) were distributed.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 - 13.5}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Rick Bartos, Department of Public Health and Human Services.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5 - 14.7}

Mr. Al V. Thomas, American Association of Retired Persons.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.7 - 15.2}

Ms. Susan Dow, Director of the agency that services disabled people.

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REP. KRENZLER stated that **Mr. Bill Kennedy** of Yellowstone County was a proponent of **SB 176**.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.9 - 16.4}

Mr. Verner Bertlesen, Montana Senior Citizens Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.4 - 17.1}

Ms. Jeanne Bauman, Montana Credit Union Network.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1 - 17.9}

Ms. Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.9 - 18.2}

Ms. Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2 - 18.4}

Ms. Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.4 - 19.4}

Mr. Steve Bullock, Department of Justice.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.4 - 19.8}

Mr. Jim Ahrens, MHA.

Ms. Christine Kaufman, Montana Human Rights.

Ms. Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.8 - 20.2}

Mr. Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.2 - 21.1}

Ms. Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.1 - 21.6}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6 - 2:B:28.1}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BOHLINGER closed.

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HEARING ON SENATE BILL 197

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. CRISTAIENS introduced the bill.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.4 - 6.4}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Colleen Murphy, Executive Director of the Montana National Association of Social Workers.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.4 - 7.7}

Mr. Chet Kaisey, MSCA.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.7 - 8.5}

Mr. Brian Garrity, Montana Mental Health Association.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.5 - 9}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9 - 11}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. CRISTAIENS closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11 - 16.8}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 197

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES moved that HB 197 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion carried 15-2 with Jackson and Simon voting no. No proxy was received from REP. HIBBARD.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 19}

REP. MANGAN will carry the bill on the House floor.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

LS/JR

EXHIBIT (huh50aad)